

May 24, 1977

LB 220, LR 119, 120, LB 431

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is shall LB 220 pass with the emergency clause attached. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: Read record vote on page 2185 of the Journal. 40 ayes, 0 nays, 9 not voting.

PRESIDENT: LB 220 passes with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: Mr. President, an Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Warner will be inserted in the Journal. (Refer to pages 2186-2187).

PRESIDENT: That completes Final Reading. We go to Item 6, the override attempt.

CLERK: Mr. President, also I have a Legislative Resolution 119 and 120 will be inserted in the Journal, both of them calling for studies. (Refer to pages 2187-2188). Do we have any overrides? We have no motions pending and Senator Marvel is not here.

PRESIDENT: We don't have any override attempts pending. Then we go to Select File, LB 431.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to strike the enacting clause. Signed Senator Chambers. Mr. President, this motion was made yesterday and was laid over for the one day.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Ernest Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you Lieutenant Governor Gerald Whelan. Members of the Legislature, this is a bill which was amended by Senator Maresh trying to do what he has been lead to believe is necessary to make it possible for citizens to receive the \$20 rebate on the sales tax that they pay on food. I think the bill is unnecessary. The present LB 30 which was enacted into law, I think can take effect. The intent of the Legislature is clear. I think the wording of the bill will carry it into effect. I won't debate this matter for a long period of time at this point, but I do believe that everytime this issue comes up we ought to make it clear to the public that the Legislature is not keeping the promise that it made to the people. There is not one member in this body who can say that the \$20 is an adequate pay back to the citizens for the amount they are paying and will pay in sales tax on food. With what Senator Schmit just got through the Legislature today, with what Senator Lewis and Senator Koch sheperded through the Legislature yesterday, it's a cinch that the sales tax on food is going to increase. It is necessary, if we're going to be just I think, to raise the amount at least to \$24 which you don't intend to do. To pass this bill in addition to LB 30 I think would be like adding insult to injury to the citizens. At the time LB 30 was being considered, people were running afraid that the Governor would veto it. If we would raise the amount now, the Governor could not veto it because there is not time for him to introduce a bill setting the rate at \$20. We did not have the bills actually passed that would raise the sales tax on food which is the situation we face now. LB 518 and LB 33 would raise the sales tax. So with those factors before us, I see no justification whatsoever in not raising the credit. Since you refuse to do that and I don't know what your motivations are, the only thing to do